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barrel of the marking device between the first end and the second end;

a clamp wherein the clamp removably secures the flat article around the barrel of the marking device; and

a cap having a lead extending from the cap wherein the cap is removably attached to the barrel at the second end.

## Claim 15 has been amended as follows:

15. A marking device accessory kit, the accessory kit comprising:

a marking device having a body defined between a first end and a second end wherein the first end has a tip capable of producing a mark;

a sheath that substantially covers the body of the barrel between the first end and the second end;

an end cap removably attached on the second end of the marking device wherein the end cap is interchangeable between a plurality of marking devices; and

a connecting lead having a first end and a second end wherein the first end of the connecting lead extends from the end cap and is removably connected to the end cap.

## Claim 17 has been amended as follows:

17. A method of using a marking device, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a barrel having a body defined between a first end and a second end wherein the first end has a tip capable of producing a mark;

providing a sheath that substantially covers the barrel between the first end and the second end;

providing an end cap for fitting over the second end of the barrel wherein the end cap has a connecting lead that extends from the

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fitting the sheath over the barrel between the first end and the second end; and

fitting the end cap over the second end of the barrel.